

SCANG welcomes Moroccan air force officials

The SCANG hosted members of the Moroccan Air Force during a week-long tour of McEntire Sept. 27 through Oct. 1. The two officers came for a first-hand look at the F-16, which Morocco soon will fly.

McEntire was chosen because the Moroccan Air Force recently purchased Block 52 F-16s, and those jets have many of the same capabilities as the Block 52s flown by the SCANG. Brig. Gen. Scott Williams, 169th Fighter Wing commander, welcomed the Moroccan Air Force officials to the base, and, after a brief presentation of the SCANG's history and mission, they toured the base's facilities and construction areas. The tour included numerous stops at the back shops such as Propulsion Maintenance, Base Operations and Life Support.

"It's a great opportunity for them to see the operations, support and training here — see Officials on page 6



Colonel Major Ouadadouch and Colonel Abdelhak Sanhaji receive a tour of the phase dock from Lt. Col. Jeffrey Wyatt, Sr., Lt. Col. Scott Bridgers and SMSgt. Barry Boyle.

Leadership course offered to NCOs at McCrady

The SCANG hosted a two-day leadership training course for noncommissioned officers Oct. 2-3 at the Army National Guard's McCrady Training Center on Fort Jackson.

This first-time tactical leadership training was specifically geared toward staff and technical sergeants, including fulltime and traditional Air Guard members and active duty. Students spent the two days participating in hands-on exercises and discussing leadership, effective communication tactics and critical thinking.

CMSgt. Mark Morrell, state command chief, said the training was a direct response to a call for advanced leadership training between Airman Leadership School and the NCO Academy. Sixty three Airmen, representing every squadron on base, attended the training.

Morrell said it's important to have people trained to go downrange and take on

leadership roles, adding that 25 percent of NCOs go on to become senior NCOs.

"It's about selecting the right Airmen, with the right training and experience to do the missions of the 21st Century Air Force," Morrell said.

Instructors from the Air Guard's Training and Education Center at McGhee-Tyson Air National Guard Base in Knoxville, Tenn., were brought in by the SCANG to tailor this training to the needs of Swamp Fox NCOs.

Tammie Smeltzer, an instructor with the TEC, said "The course is about looking at yourself and how you communicate and how to take it to the next level. These are the future leaders for the Total Force."

Staff Sgt. Brian Wamsley, a crew chief with the 169th Maintenance Squadron, said he enjoyed the course. "I liked the group exercises. We learned about leadership and what it takes to be an effective leader."



(by TSgt. Stephen Hudson, 169th FW/PA)

Tech. Sgt. Christopher Sewell and other NCOs are led on a "Blind Trust Walk" during the leadership development course.

Commander's Corner



by
Lt. Col. David Meyer
169th Fighter Wing
Vice-Commander



It has been an incredible ride for the last couple years, culminating with our deployment for a 120-day AEF. We had a Phase I ORI, a Phase II ORI, deployments to Jordan, the UAE, Red Flag Alaska, Key West, Green Flag in Louisiana, WSEPs in Utah and Florida, Red Flag Nellis and our Security Forces' deployment to Kyrgyzstan.

This year tasked all offices on base as we continued to deploy our Airmen all over the world.

Our fire fighters were deployed to Baghdad; Services to Manas AB in Kyrgyzstan; Ops, Maintenance and LRS to Balad AB in Iraq; and individual Airman deployed everywhere from down the street at Shaw AFB to Kabul, Afghanistan.

And, if you didn't notice, there has been quite a bit of construction going on here,

requiring which huge efforts from our CE folks and Security Forces.

I cannot say enough about the patriotism, professionalism and performance demonstrated by members of this wing. You have all epitomized the Air Force's core values of "service before self" and "excellence in all we do." I am humbled to be part of this organization.

One of the things that impressed me most over the last year was the volunteer rate we achieved during the above deployments. Again, I am humbled at what SCANG members are willing to do for their organization and their nation.

It was not just the members who deployed who stepped up to the plate. This entire base rallied to support those who deployed. From Logistics Readiness to Force Support to

Finance to Family Readiness, everyone had a hand in our success, and we all should be proud of the basewide effort.

However, all this success takes its toll. We experienced an "ops tempo" that has not been seen by many of our members. For various reasons, we escaped the demands of recurring inspections for more than a decade. The down side of this is that we had to work twice as hard to get ready for the inspectors. This has the ability to strain our morale, our relationships and our productivity. We now are faced with the challenge of picking ourselves up and looking out for other members of our Swamp Fox family while looking to the next challenge.

I encourage commanders and supervisors to pay particular attention to this matter. Seek out ways to take care of our people and ensure they enjoy entering the gates of McEntire as much as they do leaving them. Our most valuable asset is our people. Time and time again, we have demonstrated a propensity to be the best. We do not want to let this capability dwindle.

In flying, we often refer to the concept of "near rocks and far rocks."

We need to spend a dominant amount of attention on the near rocks, as those will be the ones that kill you first. Yet you cannot disregard the far rocks, as they will shape your plan for future action.

We have passed some incredibly large "near rocks." Unfortunately, some of the "far rocks" now are very near.

This drill, our Maintenance Group is involved in an LCAP inspection. In February, the wing will participate in a UCI. In March, the Medical Group has an HSI. These all are high visibility inspections that will again call on our Swamp Fox team to bring out their A game and show off what we are all about.

I ask for your patience and endurance to stay focused and charged through these challenges. The good news is, after these inspections, it is fairly smooth terrain for some time. This should allow us to focus on honing our job skills, unit cohesion and mission accomplishment.

I could not be more proud of all that we have accomplished over the last couple years. We are blessed with incredible people with impressive commitment. Let's do all we can to sustain, support and encourage them. Semper Primus.

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Chief's Concerns

Chief Master Sergeant Clifton Weir, 169th FSS

Muhammad Ali, the former heavyweight champion of the world, described the importance of volunteering when he said, "Service to others is the payment you make for your space here on Earth." A person who unselfishly donates his or her time and resources to help their fellow man is fulfilling a commitment to their family, their God and their country. Guardsmen are the epitome of this ideal of service.

Serving in the SCANG and volunteering have many things in common, but one of those factors often overlooked is freewill. We all are here because we choose to be here. Similar to volunteers, we put our time, talents and effort to good use and selflessly try to help those around us. It's human nature at its purest and personifies "service" and outreach to the world.

Volunteering has become part and parcel of society, and it's truly unimaginable to think of a world without it. Volunteers are recognized across the globe as a vital part of any organization. Where would the military be if we didn't have the Guard? Where would our community be if we didn't serve? What we do here every day, every weekend and every year has an enormous impact on

those around us. Serving is an awesome power; it inspires and calls to action the deeds of the selfless and the courageous.

As members of the Air Guard, we have the responsibility to our community to take the spirit of volunteerism beyond the gates of McEntire and into the schools, churches and communities we all engage in. As Guardsmen, we all answered the call to serve and know what service is all about.

Volunteerism urges us to step outside our daily routines and propels us to act when we perceive a need. It reminds us that even though our actions are not always selfless, there is great reward in accomplishing a worthwhile task. The key to getting started is simple. Just say "I will." Those two words can give you strength, and such a statement becomes infectious with others around you wanting to join your cause.

Volunteering also can open new avenues of personal achievement and allow you to make new discoveries about yourself and others. It also helps form social bonds and strengthen local communities.

As we enter this Thanksgiving and holiday season, let's get more involved with volunteering. As a member of the Swamp



Fox team, "Always First" means taking the lead. With the economic downturn in our state and nation, in addition to budget cuts and job layoffs, now is a great time to look out for your fellow Airman and your community and be a true "Wing Man."

There are hundreds of ways you can make a difference in someone's life. Just remember the key to getting started is a simple, "I will." Just two words can inspire you to act and make a difference. One step and one day at a time, that's the Swamp Fox way.



Recruiting & Retention

Military Personnel Summary

Strength

Officers:

Authorized	143
Assigned	135
Percent Manned	94.4%

Enlisted:

Authorized	1198
Assigned	1252
Percent Manned	104.5%

Total:

Authorized	1341
Assigned	1387
Percent Manned	103.4%

(as of Oct. 13, 2010)

Recruiting/Retention

Gains:

	<u>MONTH</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Prior	1	1
Non-Prior	3	3
Total	4	4

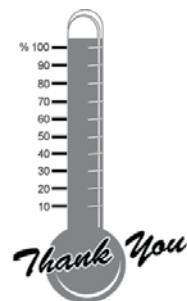
Losses:

ETS	0	0
Discharge	0	0
Medical	0	0
Resignation	0	0
Retirement	1	1
Transfer	1	1
Other	0	0
Total	0	2

Net Gain/Loss **+2** **+2**

Recruiting Progress

We're at 103.4 percent!



We must maintain 100% strength through 2010! Recruit & Retain!

There are many positions open for immediate recruiting...

Munitions, Weapons, Crew Chiefs, Life Support, CE, Security Forces and more



Briefs

Free childcare available

Free childcare for children 6 weeks to 12 years is available at Fort Jackson's Child Development Center for all Guard and active duty members for posted drill dates. The CDC is located in base housing next to the Fort Jackson Commissary. Hours of operation are 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, contact Terry DeLille, (803) 647-8089, or email her at carolyn.delille@ang.af.mil.

Commander's Action Line

Have a question, concern or problem? Leave a message on the Commander's Action Line. If requested, a member of the Commander's staff will respond with a resolution. Call (803) 647-8899.

Personal weapons policy

No personal weapons of any type, concealed or in plain view, are allowed on property of the S.C. Military Department and under the jurisdiction of the SC Adjutant General. Exceptions are members whose job requires them to carry weapons and who have written permission from the TAG.

ESGR Committee wants you

The SCANG Employer Support of the Guard & Reserve Committee seeks volunteers. Contact Lt. Col. Glen Boatwright, (803) 647-8216. For details, go to <http://seguardnow.net>.

Awards and Decorations

Air Guard members who have been awarded federal awards or decorations can view and/or print them using virtual Military Personnel Flight. virtual Personnel Center-Guard and Reserve can be used to initiate and process decoration nominations like Meritorious Service Medals, Air Force Commendation Medals and Air Force Achievements Medals. Access vMPF and vPC-GR systems from the AF Portal (www.my.af.mil) under the Top Portal Links section.

Seasonal flu vaccine

The seasonal flu vaccine, which includes the H1N1, is mandatory. If you received the vaccine from a civilian provider, bring your documentation to the clinic. The vaccine will be available at the clinic soon.

Job Openings

First Sgt. position open in the 169th AMXS. Candidates must be in the rank of MSgt. or TSgt. promotable to MSgt. Submit a package consisting of a letter of intent, resume and a RIP to the 169th FW Command Chief, CMSgt. Zane Wall by Dec. 5. Contact Wall at zane.wall@ang.af.mil or (803) 647-8592 or (803) 608-0495 (cell).

Drive Safe McEntire

Just about all SCANG members have experienced feelings of sleepiness while driving; however, actual driver fatigue is a physical and mental condition that can significantly affect a driver's judgment and abilities. Driver fatigue not only impacts a driver's alertness and response time but also increases the chances of being involved in a mishap.

Fatigue is a contributing factor in multiple Air Force vehicle mishaps, some of which have resulted in fatalities. Due to mission requirements, long duty hours and shift work, our Airmen can become vulnerable to fatigue at any time. There are control measures that can be put into place to reduce fatigue-related mishaps on and off-duty. Here are just a few:

- * Recognize "red-flags" like increased yawning and heavy eyelids
- * Always get a good night's rest before a long road trip
- * Avoid taking medicines that induce drowsiness
- * Make frequent rest stops

For more information on fatigue and driving take a look at the following links:

Drowsy Driving and Fatigue: www.nysgtsc.state.ny.us/drow-ndx.htm

Thanks to SMSgt. Fritz Glass, MSgt. Lindsay Garvin and MSgt. Mark Garman for the info for this safety brief.

Blood Drive Updates
The Oct. 3
blood drive
collected 55 pints.

Attention motorcycle riders

Motorcycle riders should contact their Unit Motorcycle Representative or First Sergeant to schedule commander's briefings and document rider training.

McEntire offers Motorcycle Safety Foundation Riders Course training. Most insurance companies give a discount for successful completion of the course. The two-day course is for beginner riders or folks who might not have ridden in a while. There also is a one-day experienced riders course.

These courses are required for all motorcycle operators who are AGR personnel, regular Air Force personnel, anyone on Title 10 orders and anyone who operates a motorcycle on McEntire.

Beginner Rider Course Dates:

Nov. 20-21 and Dec. 11-12

Experienced Rider Course Dates:

Oct. 16 and 30

Email SMSgt. Lee Shepherd to register at lee.shepherd@ang.af.mil.

McEntire legal assistance

The 169th Fighter Wing Legal Office is available for legal assistance. One of the most important missions of the legal office is to provide legal services to SCANG members and their dependents. There are many helpful services the legal office provides, including the preparation of wills and powers of attorney. In addition to calling or visiting the legal office, another way JAG helps Airmen is through its legal assistance website. Visit <https://www.aflegalassistance.law.af.mil> for information on a variety of topics affecting members and military families.

Christmas wishes come true

Epworth's Angel Tree event takes place Nov. 15 through Dec. 10. Angel trees will be located in the Canteen and Wing HQ building.

The winner of this year's squadron Christmas card competition will be used as the official 169th Fighter Wing Christmas card. Cards must be submitted by Dec. 1.

The base Christmas tree lighting ceremony and announcement of the squadron Christmas card winner is Dec. 4, 4 p.m. next to the fire department.

For more information, call MSgt. Azua, 647-8640, or Terry DeLille, 647-8089.

Swamp Foxes are back in business

Jet noise. It's been termed the "sound of freedom" by patriots all across America. However, for the past few months, McEntire fell uncomfortably silent as its F-16s were divided and stationed in Balad for the AEF rotation and Savannah, Ga., during runway construction.

Fortunately, Sept. 21, the 169th Fighter Wing was back in the sky over Eastover, S.C. as the first jets returned and landed on the base's newly paved runway.

"The asphalt on the runways and concrete on the taxiways are very smooth," said Lt. Col. Boris "Robo" Armstrong, operations officer for the 157th Fighter Squadron. "Even as construction continues, we're flying and ready to get back to basics and the primary mission of the aircraft, SEAD and DEAD." That's the Suppression of Enemy Air Defenses and Destruction of Enemy Air Defenses.

Armstrong said the successful deployment and execution of all of the missions this past

year, including Red Flag and the Falcon Air Meet, again validated the superb reputation of the 169th Fighter Wing.

"We have outstanding people," he said. "Wherever we go, other units know about the Swamp Fox. They see we're not only competent, but have an approachable manner that makes them feel comfortable and want to work with us."

Armstrong said the crews are happy to be home and are spending quality time with family and friends during post-deployment training. He said everyone is enjoying the atmosphere at McEntire with construction progressing on the airfield and the Air Sovereignty Alert mission around the corner.

With the last two jets arriving home Oct. 6 from Balad, Armstrong said it was a historic milestone. The Fighter Wing closed out the Air Guard presence in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"It was our Fighter Wing that began the ANG presence in 1991," Armstrong

said. "It's very fitting we were the ones to help close-it out as Operation New Dawn begins." (Story by Maj. Cindi King, 169th FW/PA)



Recognizing indicators of 'trafficking in persons'

"Trafficking in persons" can be viewed in many ways: a modern day form of slavery, gateway to enabling crimes against the general populations and a form of crime against human rights.

Human trafficking is a serious problem in the United States and throughout the world. Each year, an estimated 600,000-800,000 men, women and children are trafficked against their will across international borders, 14,500-17,500 of whom are trafficked into the United States.

Victims of trafficking are recruited, transported or sold into all forms of forced labor and servitude, including prostitution, sweatshops, domestic labor, farming and child armies. Approximately 80 percent

of trafficking victims are female, and 70 percent of those female victims are trafficked for the commercial sex industry. Do not think that it does not happen locally. In South Carolina alone there were three trafficking in persons arrest articles in The State newspaper during August 2010.

Why are we talking about it and why is it a military program? All members of the military have been charged with recognizing indicators of trafficking. Due to the seriousness of the crime and the egregious results in human tragedy, the Air Force has a zero tolerance approach to trafficking in persons. All military and civilian employees are charged with avoiding supporting activities that encourage this heinous crime.

All military and civilian employees of the Department of Defense are also required to complete training on the same subject; training is embedded within the Human Relations Computer Based Training and is an annual requirement for all.

Members who believe they have witnessed a trafficking operation or believe a person is being trafficked should report that information to the local authorities, chain of command, Security Forces, OSI or IG.

McEntire's Combatting Trafficking in Persons representatives are Maj. Jack Phillips ,647-8286, and CMSgt. Debbie Marshall, 647-8223.

Farewell Ceremony

The United States Air Force and The SCANG's 169th Medical Group cordially invite you to celebrate the retirement of

CMSgt. Susan Laura Prewitt Naylor
after 32 Years of Service



Nov. 6 at 7 p.m. at Tronco's Medallion Center (7309 Garners Ferry Road). Cocktails at 6 p.m. Attire is civilian, dressy casual

Dinner is \$27 per guest.

R.S.V.P. by Oct. 25 via the South Carolina National Guard Federal Credit Union, Attn: "Naylor's Celebration Account," Post Office Box 9123 Columbia, South Carolina 29290-0123. Office 803-647-8212.

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at McEntire,” said Army Lt. Col. Jeffrey T. Wyatt, Chief, Office of Security Cooperation at the U.S. Embassy in Rabat, Morocco. “They are learning from the best here in South Carolina.”

Not only are the missions similar, but the operating budget and physical aspects of the new base in Morocco are very similar to McEntire, said Wyatt.

The Moroccans, who have a State Partnership Program with the Utah National Guard, are building a new base to house the aircraft. The tour of McEntire included ongoing and recently completed construction projects. The base is undergoing a number of massive construction projects including a new runway, ramp and alert facilities.

“It’s a little bit of everything here on base,” Wyatt said.

In addition to touring Air Guard facilities, the Moroccan officials toured the Army National Guard’s Army Aviation Support Facility to get an overview of the Army Guard’s



Lt. Col. Scott Bridgers takes Colonel Major Moha Ouadadouch on an F-16 flight over McEntire and surrounding areas.

aviation mission. The delegation also spent one day at Shaw Air Force Base in nearby Sumter to compare and contrast the differences between operations at the two bases.

Colonel Abdelhak Sanhaji said of the tour, “It’s a lot of new information and very interesting for us.”

Colonel Major Moha Ouadadouch received an orientation flight in the F-16 to view the aircraft’s capabilities firsthand. He said the flight over the South Carolina skies was “very good.”

“I have flown in a F-16 four times now,” said Ouadadouch. This was the first time with the new avionics, though, and he said he could feel the difference in the way the plane handled.

The partnership between South Carolina and Morocco began in January 2010 when the Utah Air Guard refueled two SCANG F-16s en route to the air show in Marrakech, Morocco.

(by TSgt. Stephen Hudson, 169th FW/PA)

Family Readiness hosts another Strong Bonds retreat

The SCANG’s Strong Bonds Retreat was held in North Myrtle Beach at the Marriott Grand Dunes Resort. Chaplains Lt. Col. David Sturgeon and Maj. Brian Bohlman along with chaplain assistants TSgt. Heather McNeil, SSgt. Rudy Skelton and SrA. James Seymore held sessions for 26 couples and seven singles.

With curriculum named “How Not to Marry a Jerk” and “Flag Page Codes for Which Country Are You?” it was destined to be an exciting weekend! The weather was beautiful, the accommodations were outstanding and the curriculum fun and enlightening.

The Strong Bonds Program is chaplain-

led and Family Programs supported. There are three events scheduled for next year. Bohlman said, “Come join us. A strong marriage is a wonderful blessing!”

(by Terry DeLille, Airman & Family Readiness Program Manager)



McEntire goes green during airfield construction

Newspapers, plastic bottles, aluminum cans: everyone is used to recycling these items for a greener environment. But did you know that concrete can be recycled too? It can. And thanks to careful planning by the 169th Civil Engineer Squadron, reusing the old concrete from this summer's airfield construction projects will not only help save the environment, but save the government \$500,000 to boot.

According to Capt. Gareth Fleischer, the Deputy Base Civil Engineer, the last time any significant work was done on McEntire's runway, taxiways and ramp was approximately 15 years ago. While not in danger of immediate failure, the airfield was showing signs of significant wear and tear and it was time for an upgrade. These projects were originally programmed for 2008. However, due to back to back Operational Readiness Inspections, it was decided to postpone the work until this year so it could be done while the wing was deployed with minimal disruption in the SCANG's mission.

Last month the runway portion of the



(Photo by SSgt. Jorge Intriago, 169th FW/PA)

Site of the concrete recycling equipment on McEntire.

construction was completed. Even though McEntire's jets have now returned from overseas and Savannah, construction on the ramp, taxiways and overrun won't be complete until later this month or the beginning of December. In the meantime,

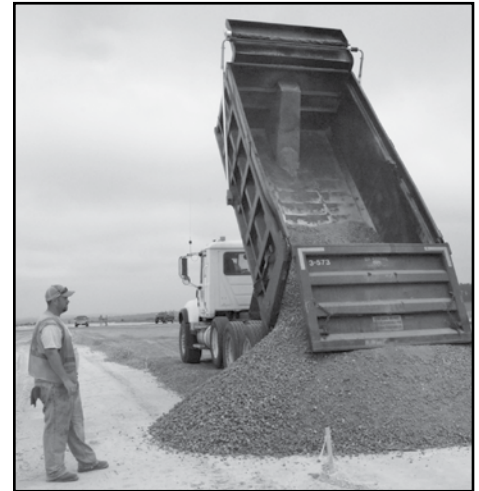
operations have resumed, albeit with some juggling of where aircraft are parked and how they move around the airfield.

Reusing the old concrete from the ramp area of the project had two main advantages, according to Fleischer. First, it reduced the cost of having to purchase and transport the material needed for laying the new concrete. And second, it eliminated the cost of having to haul and dispose of the old material at a landfill. The re-used concrete was mainly used as a foundation, or base course, for the new concrete which was poured on top. While the original ramp was six inches deep, the new ramp will be 12 inches deep.

"26,000 square yards of concrete was removed from the ramp equating to approximately 15,000 tons. The material was broken into large chunks on the ramp and then hauled to the stockpile across from AGE (Aerospace Ground Equipment). From there it was crushed into the specified aggregate size, tested and used throughout the projects as base course. Crushed concrete can be considered a better material for base course for a couple of reasons. It takes approximately five percent less material to place a suitable base compared to virgin aggregate. Crushed concrete also contains Portland cement which assists in a sturdier material," Fleischer said.

In addition to re-using the concrete as base course, the main contractor, Summers Concrete, also saved money and energy by drilling a water well on site. Because concrete gives off heat during the curing process, it must be cooled off in order to cure correctly. So, instead of using lots of ice to keep the concrete's temperature within required specifications, the contractor used cool well water from deep beneath the airfield, which also allowed for more concrete to be poured in a day during this summer's higher than normal temperatures.

And although it's not being reused at



(Photo by Staff Sgt. Tracci Dorgan, 169th FW/PA)

Recycled concrete is being used during the runway construction project.

McEntire, the contractor performing the runway resurfacing, Boggs Paving, is also recycling the milled asphalt taken from the runway into other projects.

Looking toward the future, the specifications for the new runway, taxiways and ramp were made so they could accommodate newer aircraft, such as the F-35. The expected lifespan of this project should be 15-20 years, Fleischer said.

(Story by Maj. Jim St. Clair, JFHQ)



(Photo by SMSgt. Ed Snyder, 169th FW/PA)

Site of the concrete recycling equipment on McEntire.



Staff Sgt. Torree Wilson (center) is congratulated by Gen. Norman Schwartz, Air Force Chief of Staff, for being recognized as Airman of the Month in Eskan Village, near Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. Wilson, who is deployed from the 169th Medical Squadron is working in the Command Post in Eskan Village.

McKinley: National Guard is a national treasure

The National Guard is a national treasure that we need to preserve and protect, the Guard's senior officer told attendees at the 2010 Air Force Association Air and Space Conference Sept. 14.

"The dual mission of the National Guard, and its ability to combine and work with local, state and federal governments, makes us a force that I think is arguably a force that this nation cannot do without," said Air Force Gen. Craig McKinley, the chief of the National Guard Bureau.

The National Guard has always had a dual mission at home and abroad, but it is now also considered an operational reserve providing forces for missions in Iraq, Afghanistan, the Sinai, Haiti, the Horn of Africa and Kosovo.

"The citizens of the United States expect the full might of the armed forces to come to their aide in the event of a natural disaster, and the National Guard has been there every time," McKinley said.

Since Hurricane Andrew in 1992 and then Katrina in 2005, the Guard has made rapid improvements to its response with local, state and federal governments.

"Our domestic mission is a piece of our fabric, it's a piece of our culture," he said.

McKinley also described the overseas missions the Guard has been a part of since the attacks in New York City on Sept. 11, 2001.

"The Army Guard has been involved in operations for the last nine years, while the Air Guard is going on nearly two decades," he said. "The Air Guard has been supporting the Air Force, and has been fully integrated into operations, such as Northern Watch and Southern Watch.

"Under great leadership, the Air Guard has been able to achieve this full integration with the active force and perform its missions in a very professional manner."

Currently, about 44,000 Soldiers and 10,000 Airmen are deployed in support of operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"Over the last 20 years, we've made some dramatic changes in the National Guard, changing from what the Guard use to be, to what it is today," McKinley said.

(by Sgt. Darron Salzer, NGB/PA)

McEntire's Air Park restoration... almost done



SSgt. Patrick Pham touches up the paint on the tail of the P-51 Oct. 18. The P-51 is the last air plane to be restored. The next day of painting will be the stenciling of the star and stripe on the side. A complete story on the project will be in next months SCANG News.

(Photos by Staff Sgt. Tracci Dorgan, 169th FW/PA)



Airmen urged to protect themselves this Flu season

Airmen need to take care of themselves to ensure they stay healthy this flu season, said Maj. Kirsten Holster, OIC of Immunizations with the 169th MDG.

Holster said it's important to stay healthy to avoid missing training, military schools or deployments. According to Holster, vaccination plays an important role in keeping Airmen fit for duty and ready to respond.

This year the H1N1 and seasonal flu vaccine will be given in one shot and the nasal spray will not be available. The flu vaccine should be available by the November UTA.

"It's a mandatory requirement, so take advantage of it and get it early for the best protection," Holster said of the flu vaccine.

While peak flu season is February and March, there are things Airmen can do to protect themselves from both the seasonal flu and the H1N1 flu virus, such as covering their nose and mouth when sneezing or coughing, frequent hand washing and limiting contact with those who are sick. While soap and warm water are the best protection, hand sanitizers are a good backup.

According to the CDC, the signs and symptoms of H1N1 are very similar to those of the seasonal flu and can include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue and may include diarrhea and vomiting. So, vaccination is important to thwart both of these viruses.

"If you feel like you have flu like symptoms, it's best to stay at home, rest and avoid spreading it to others," Holster said. "Also



(Photo by TSgt. Caycee Cook, 169th FW/PA)

A1C. Chance Watson receives a shot from SSgt. Jessica Spencer with the 169th MDG.

get young children and the elderly immunized as well. It takes a bigger toll on them."

Holster added, if an Airman gets immunized by their civilian provider they need to bring in documentation to the medical staff at McEntire.

For more information about the flu please go to: www.flu.gov.

(by TSgt. Stephen Hudson, 169th FW/PA)

3 Steps to Your Post 9/11 G I Bill Benefits

Step 1: Log on to www.gibill.va.gov to review your benefit options.

Step 2: Submit your application (VA 22-1990 or VA 22-1990E).

Step 3: Check with your school certifying official to confirm your VA enrollment certification has been sent to the VA.

For more information contact the Retention Office at 647-8211.

Diversity is our greatest strength, an unstoppable team

In the *Enlisted Perspective* by the CMSgt. of the Air Force, Chief Rodney J. McKinley writes that Diversity is the greatest strength of our Air Force. We have many capabilities that enable us to project airpower any time, any place. However, the real strength of our service comes from our Airmen who work hard to execute the mission. These Airmen come from diverse backgrounds and work together seamlessly to build an unstoppable team. This diversity enables successful action across the full spectrum of operations in cultures with different religious beliefs, laws and values. The knowledge and experience of our Airmen allows us to translate their diversity into organizational effectiveness, mission readiness and exacting execution.

Gen. Norman A. Schwartz, Air Force Chief of Staff, states on the Diversity Video Channel, that commitment to diversity and equal opportunity are mission critical to the Air Force.

As Human Resource Advisors, our role is to advise command

leadership on issues leading to the enhancement of the organization's culture. These issues include promoting opportunities for all SCANG members to maximize their potential without regard to their cultural differences. Throughout the year we observe the contributions of various ethnic groups. From Sept. 15 to Oct. 15 we celebrated the histories, cultures, and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America. During the month of November we will celebrate National American Indian Heritage Month. This year's theme is: "*Pride in Our Heritage. Honor to Our Ancestors.*"

As members of SCANG, we must continue to embrace and put diversity into action at every level. We must do this through mentoring, recruitment, and leadership. Every member is important and brings a unique contribution to the success and mission of the United States Air Force, and the South Carolina Air National Guard.

(by CMSgt. Joe Brunson, 169th FW/HRA)



We had around 50 folks to show for the October Breakfast. Both Col. Mike Hudson and CMSgt. Larry Crowson presented more information about the Joint Base Balad (JBB) deployment. Also included in their package was an array of pictures of the daily activities at JBB. There were 2500 pictures, and I am not sure if we rotated through them all. The slide show ran the entire breakfast, so it was hard to watch and listen at the same time. We had no first timers, but we had a number of guests. One of the guests was Jimmy Young's granddaughter. The others were SMSgt. Dan Shelley, SMSgt. Barry Boyle, and SSgt. Chuck Taylor, all were recently deployed. They mingled with all the retirees, which was a nice touch, and in addition they were full of information to those of us who thirst for more information about the deployment. I would rate this as a great breakfast experience. Additionally, I really heard no complaints about the gates situation this time, other than getting to the gates traffic-wise (rush hour). There appeared to be a good deal of interest in the new "Alert Mission" that SCANG will undertake next year because of the elongated ADC mission that SCANG had many years ago. There was some friendly

comparison of launch times, etc. There was some discussion about having a proposed ceremony dedicating the Alert 2 mission, and having the Alert 1 guys attend.

McEntire History.....There were two major call-ups that took place about this time of the year, years ago. We had three people attending breakfast who were part of the Korean Conflict Call-Up, and we had a number people attending who were involved with the Berlin Crisis call-up. To refresh people's memory, we had the entire unit called up for the Korean Conflict for a total of 21 months beginning October 10, 1950, including the 110th AC&W Squadron. The Berlin Crisis officially began for SCANG October 9, 1961 with a total of 747 personnel called to duty, most of them went to Spain, and some to France. I was doing push-ups and marching at Great Lakes, NTC at that time.

Back to our retirees, I would like to honor the last group of 1998 retirees, and they are: Brig. Gen. Jerry H. Risher, Maj.'s Michael Edwards, and George R. Shutt, CMSgt.'s Larry T. Huggins, and Robert S. Spires, SMSgt. Dennis W. Burdett, MSgt.'s James D. Brown, Carl G. Dorman, Pamela M. Boardman, Marion H. Carter, Jr., and

Clarence W. Wagner, Jr., TSgt.'s Titus M. Gary and Walter J. Petroski, and SrA. Eddie C. Harrison. If by chance you were a 1998 retiree, and I failed to mention you, please let me know. I am finding out I don't have all the names (I am working on it). My number is (803) 936-0680 and my email address is rbarkalow@sc.rr.com.

I have a deal for you for the November Breakfast, which is Nov. 2nd, a Tuesday, it is also Election Day. If you will come to breakfast, then by the time you get back to your homestead, it would be a great time to visit the polling booths. It would be mid morning, and less traffic at the polls, I'm always thinking "traffic". It's an offer hard to refuse, in addition to all this we have re-scheduled CMSgt. Mark Morrell, the State Air Guard Command Chief to speak to us. And as a bonus, we will have our famed raffle. So I don't know what more I can offer you to attend. We will be back in our normal meeting room (The Excalibur Room), we did have a bit of ambiance (lack of lighting) in the substitute room last month.

I hope to see you Nov. 2 at 8:30 a.m. in the Fort Jackson NCO Club.

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SSgt. Joshua W. Velders, 169th AMXS
SrA. Barry S. Ballew II, 169th CES
SrA. Lordedward L. Marsh, 169th AMXS
A1C. Regina Carter, 169th FSS
A1C. Daniel A. Herb, 169th MXS
A1C. Steven C. Leno, 169th MXS
A1C. Riley F. Petersen, 169th MXS
A1C. John A. Thomas, 169th MXS

Officer Promotions

Major

Cynthia King, 169th FW
John Pearce Jr., 169th FW

Captain

Jonilynn Reyes, 169th MDG

Enlisted Promotions

Technical Sergeant

Wendy Broman, 169th MXS

Staff Sergeant

Brad Cooper, 169th CES
John McCarley Jr., 169th CES
Joshua Steele, 169th AMXS
Joshua Sterling, 169th CES
George Wilson, 169th LRS

Senior Airman

Dakota Havel, 169th AMXS
Gene H. Kizer III, 245th ATCS
Adam Martin, 169th AMXS
William Parrott, 169th MXS
Matthew Taylor, 169th CES
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Active Associate Inbounds

TSgt. Jonathan Sanders
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A1C. Gretchen Grant
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McEntire's 90% or higher

SSgt. Michael Downard
Det. 2, Integrated Avionics
Systems Craftsman

Mr. Michael Gilson
169th CES, Fire Officer II

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169th CES, Fire Instructor I

A1C. Katherine Hammer, 169th LRS
Logistics Plans Journeyman

TSgt. Karl King,
169th CES, Fire Inspector II

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Contracting Journeyman

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Systems Journeyman

Mr. Andrew Schmidt, 169th CES
Driver Operator - Aircraft Rescue

A1C. Micah Sowders
Det. 2, Integrated Avionics
Systems Journeyman

A1C. Nicholas Wilt
Det. 2, Integrated Avionics
Systems Journeyman

Retirements

CMSgt. Birl Wiggins III
169th Fighter Wing
34+ Years

SCANG Schedule

Awards Ceremony (Dec. UTA)
2011 -- UCI (Feb. UTA)

Beginner Riders Motorcycle Course
Nov. 20-21 and Dec. 11-12

Experienced Riders Motorcycle
Course
Oct. 16 and Oct. 30

Base Training

Airman Leadership School
(class start dates -- five-week duration)
(56 seats for ANG members)

2010

TBA

Noncommissioned Officers Academy
(class start dates -- six-week duration)
(75 seats for ANG members)

PME Schedule

MCGHEE TYSON ALS

10 Jan 11 - 10 Feb 11
21 Feb 11 - 24 Mar 11
11 Apr 11 - 12 May 11
27 Jun 11 - 28 Jul 11
15 Aug 11 - 15 Sep 11
27 Sep 11 - 28 Oct 11

MCGHEE TYSON NCOA

4 Jan - 10 Feb 11
21 Feb 11 - 30 Mar 11
11 Apr 11 - 18 May 11
27 Jun 11 - 3 Aug 11
15 Aug 11 - 21 Sep 11
27 Sep 11 - 3 Nov 11

TESTING SCHEDULE

Tuesdays, 1 p.m.

Drill Sundays, 12:30 p.m.

Report for testing no later than 15 minutes before the test. Members testing on CDCs required for upgrade training must bring their AFIADL 9 course card with the following items documented:

Date review training began
Date due completion
Date review training ended
Supervisor's signature
Trainee's signature

Members without the card and required information are not allowed to test. For more information, contact a unit training manager.



REFLECTIONS

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever."
(Psalm 107:1)

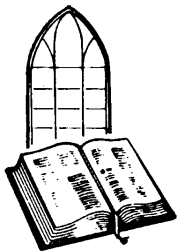
Fall is my favorite time of year...watching college football, enjoying cooler weather, seeing leaves change their colors, participating in the Veterans Day parade, and celebrating the Thanksgiving holiday with family and friends.

During the month of November, I encourage you to make time to reflect on what you're thankful for in life and return thanks to God for His many blessings. Remember to express your deep gratitude for the blessings God has bestowed upon America since the first Thanksgiving was celebrated in 1621 to give thanks to God for helping the Pilgrims of Plymouth Colony survive the brutal winter.

When you gather with family and friends during Thanksgiving, reflect on the following words of Melody Beattie, who said, "Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend. Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today and creates a vision for tomorrow."

I am thankful to serve the Swamp Fox family as one of your chaplains and I pray for God's grace and peace to be with you and your family this Thanksgiving.

by Chaplain (Major) Brian Bohlman



Worship Schedule

Saturday

Maintenance (hangar) & SFS after roll call

Sunday

8 - 8:30 a.m. - "Chapel Now" (WG HQ auditorium)

10:30-10:55 a.m. - "Chapel Next" (Dining Facility)

1:30-2 p.m. - Catholic Mass

in the LRS conference room (Father Travis)

What's for Lunch? Saturday

Roast beef, Pork Chops, AuGratin
Potatoes, Carrots, Succotash

Snack Line

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs w/ Chili
Baked Beans, Fries

Sunday Thanksgiving Dinner

Baked Ham, Roast Turkey, Rice and
Gravy, Cornbread Dressing, Green
Beans, Glazed Sweet Potatoes
Fried Okra

The Dining Facility is open 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Everyone using the facility must present a valid ID card.

Top Achievers

AETC Commanders Award

SrA. Jason Shepherd

169th Maintenance Squadron

ACFT Structural Maintenance Apprentice Course

Distinguished Graduate

SSgt. Timothy Alewine

169th Maintenance Squadron

Munitions Systems Apprentice

SSgt. Corey Kitts

169th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Electronic Principles

Swamp Fox Litter

Baby Boy Beckett Lee

born to SSgt. Drew and Brandi Wilson

Sept. 16, 2010

Baby Girl Avery Mae

born to A1C. Samuel and Taylor Atkison

Sept. 18, 2010

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